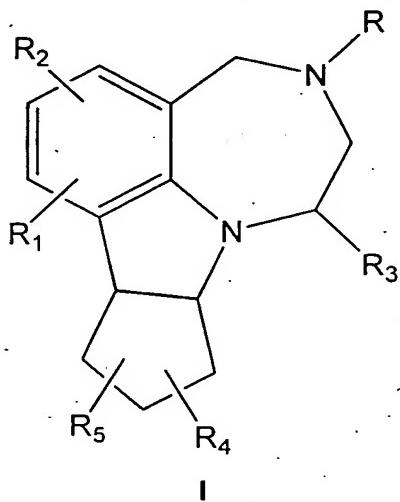


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a process for the preparation of 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 10a-octahydro-7bH-cyclopenta[*b*][1,4]diazepino[6, 7, 1-*h*]indole derivatives of the general
5 formula:



wherein: R is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, -CH₂-cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R₁, R₂, R₄ and R₅ are H, hydroxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluorinated alkyl, -CN, -NH-SO₂-alkyl, -SO₂-NH-alkyl, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R₃ is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, fluorinated alkyl, alkyl sulfonamide, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl;
10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as well as intermediates for their synthesis.